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Mr. Ed Thomas, Chief  
Office of Engineering & Technology  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, SW  
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**Re: BPL Database Manager**

Dear Mr. Thomas:

The United Telecom Council (UTC) is submitting the attached petition as evidence of industry support for UTC to serve as the Access BPL database manager, pursuant to Section 15.615(a)-(e) of the Commission's rules.

As you are aware, UTC already manages the database for coordination of power line carrier operations with Federal government operations in the frequency range 9-490 kHz. *See* 47 C.F.R. §§15.113, 90.35(g). Moreover, UTC is also the international trade association for the telecommunications and information technology interests of electric, gas, and water utilities and other critical infrastructure industries. UTC also founded the United Power Line Council (UPLC), and practically every utility and technology company that is actively engaged in BPL in the U.S. is a member of the UPLC. As such, UTC is well-positioned and experienced to serve as the Access BPL database manager.

Since the release of the BPL Report and Order, UTC has designed and implemented a database that will enable BPL operators to comply with the notification requirements. We have beta tested the database with BPL operators that are members of the UPLC, and they appear to be satisfied with it. The next step is to launch the database, and we have asked the members of UPLC to sign the attached petition to demonstrate industry support for UTC to serve as the Access BPL database manager.

As you can see, the list of signatories to the petition is a virtual who's who from the BPL industry. There are thirty-five individuals that have signed on behalf of their companies. This represents an overwhelming show of support for UTC to serve as the BPL database manager. Accordingly, we ask that the FCC recognize UTC as the BPL database manager, so that we can fully implement the database in accordance with the new rules for BPL.

Thank you for your help in this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

All the best,

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## **Petition in Support of United Telecom Council to Serve as the Access BPL Database Manager**

**We, the undersigned, support the United Telecom Council to serve as the Access BPL database manager, in accordance with Section 15.615(a)-(e) of the Commission's rules.**

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